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MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Admiral B. R. Inman, USN
Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: Clearances

1. Congressman Rose approached me the other day about problems of cryptographic security and prevention of leaks in general. He indicated he had had many very fruitful and helpful discussions with you.

2. He is most concerned at the number of SI clearances extant in the Department of Energy, which he said was about 400. I indicated I thought most of these stemmed from the old Atomic Energy Commission clearances. Even in consideration of Energy's responsibilities, I think 400 sounds like an inordinate number for that Department. I would appreciate your view on this and how to approach a reduction.

3. For your information, I am about to start a zero-based approach to clearances in all agencies and industrial contractors. Perhaps DOE is the best place to start within the Government and determine whether these numbers are accretion from previous requirements or whether they in fact are continuing needs.



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